

HISTORY OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS 1935-2002

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BEGINNINGS AND EARLY HISTORY

"The Colorado Bird Club" received its State Documentation of Incorporation (not for pecuniary profit) on the twentieth day of March A.D. 1935 at the hour of 11:30 o'clock, A.M. Forty-eight charter members are listed, including Robert J. Niedrach and Ruth Wheeler; interestingly, there were only six men in the list. Mrs. Helena Wasmuck Huron was the first President in 1935, followed by Miss Robina Storrie in 1936, Miss Clara C. Tate in 1937 and 1938, and Mr. Ferd Kleinschnitz, Jr. in 1938-39. Officers included President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Club Directors (four in 1935). Standing committees included Field Trips: Miss Ruth Wheeler, Miss Clara Tate, and Mr. George Ise in 1938-39; Program: Mr. Ferd Kleinschnitz, Jr., Mrs. Clyde T. Hunt, and Miss Berness Bunger; Membership; Books; Press; Conservation; Librarian (apparently for the Museum); and Historian. Regular meetings were held on the third Tuesday of each month except June, July, and August at 8:00 P.M. in the Colorado Museum of Natural History, City Park, Denver. Dues were \$1 per year.

Field trips were made on weekends from April to November, inclusive. On Saturdays the meeting time was 1:30 P.M. because in those days folks worked until noon on Saturday; Sunday trips were early in the morning. In order to give a flavor of the field trips over 50 years ago compared to today, the schedule for 1939 is included here: April 8, Saturday, resident birds and migrants, Waterton and vicinity, meet at Overland Park Golf Course at 1:30 P.M.; April 15, Saturday, shore birds and plains migrants, Fish Hatchery and Platte River, meet at City Park Museum; April 23, Sunday, lake and shore birds, Barr Lake and Gun Club, meet at Museum at 9 A.M.; April 29, Saturday, Lake and marsh birds, Marston Lake and Morrison, meet at Federal and Alameda; May 6, Saturday, plains migrants, Cherry Creek and Sullivan, meet at First Avenue and Colorado Boulevard; May 13, Saturday, residents and migrants, Roxborough Park, meet at Overland Park Golf Course; May 21, Sunday, city nesting birds, City Park, meet at 5:30 A.M.; May 27, Saturday, transition zone song birds, Castlewood Dam, meet at First Avenue and Colorado Boulevard; June 4, Sunday, summer birds, Black Mountain Ranch, meet at Federal Blvd and Alameda at 9 A.M.; June 11, transition zone nesters, Fishburn - "Silver Craigs" Chalet, North Turkey Creek, meet at Federal Blvd and Alameda; June 18, Sunday, birds of the plains and lower mountains, Plum Creek and Perry Park Road, meet at Overland Park at 9 A.M.; June 24, Saturday, herons and foothill birds, Platte River and Deer Creek; July 9, Sunday, boreal zone birds, Echo Lake; July 16, Sunday, birds of the foothills, "Wonder Vu" and Coal Creek; July 29, Saturday, transition zone birds, Genesee Mountain; September 9, birds of the cottonwood groves, Richardson Grove; September 23, upper Sonoran and transition zone birds, Yellow pine country south of Denver; October 7, lake and shore birds, Barr Lake and Gun Club; October 21, lake and marsh birds, Marston Lake; November 4, birds of creek bottoms, Sullivan; and November 18, residents and migrants, Pratt's Ranch.

APPENDIX 1

Charter Members 1935

Robert J. Niedrach	Berness Bunger
Lillian Hunt	Elizabeth Henry Brown
Virginia Christensen	Luda Bunger
Emil W. Christensen	Donald Harrison
Clara C. Tate	Ida M. Anderson
M. Eugenia Walker (now Mrs. Kaupp)	Emelia H. Anderson
Gertrude R. Seyler	Jessie Force
Lillian Wangnild	Cora B. Page
Ada Swan	Elizabeth Swan
Laura Looms	Emma C. Dexheimer
Edith M. Wiberg	Edna McLaughlin
Edith Sewell Douglas	Wm S. Green, Jr.
Madeline F. Buck	Sue Frances Dougan
Ruth Wheeler	Laura H. Ziegler
Cornelia Ortgysen	Anna M. Longan
Mary E. Kirsher (now Mrs. Crow)	Katherine Marx
Mabel B. Ellis	Alberta O. Kirkpatrick
John F. Wosnuk	Marguerite M. Sutton
Edith Voris	Katherine Harrison
Bertha Feldwisch	Otto Friedrichs
Mary K. Edmiston	Virgil E. Knowlton
Ada E. Gay	Betty Jane Hughart
Leila Simpson	Julia M. White
Belle W. Dickinson	Alice P. Roberts
	Emma B. Huck

APPENDIX 2

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Vice Pres: Dick Schottler
Treasure : Glenn Hageman
Secretary:

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Tina Jones, David Laliberte (1998)
David Quesenberry, Jack Reddall (1999)
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1987-1988

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 Harold Holt, Joe Shwed (1989)
 Duane Nelson, Mort Staatz (1990)
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 Harold Oliver (1988)
 Virginia Edens, Harold Holt (1989)
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 Alan Hay, Dick Schottler (1987)
 Harold Oliver, Wade Leitner (1988)
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1984-1985

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 Don Johnson, Herman Kretschmer (1986)
 Alan Hay, Dick Schottler (1987)
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Patricia Echelmeyer, Lynn Willcockson (1984)
Past Pres: Bob Andrews

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President H. Holt

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